

# ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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## ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 5 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

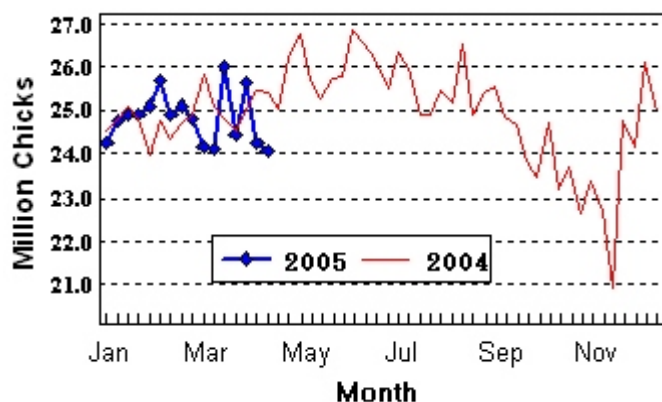
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.1 million during the week ending April 16, 2005. Placements were down 5 percent from the comparable week in 2004, and down 1 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.5 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from January 2 through April 16, 2005 were 397.3 million, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.3 million, down 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.4 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.9 percent.

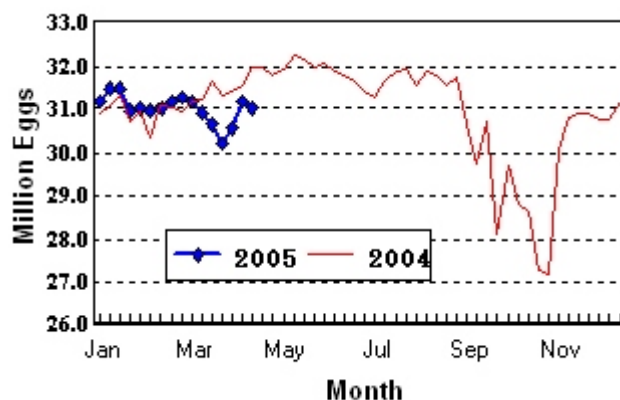
Arkansas hatcheries set 31.0 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending April 16, 2005, down 3 percent from the same period last year, and down 1 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Mar. 12	25,106	24,126	96	25,468	26,142	103	31,225	30,893	99
Mar. 19	24,832	26,004	105	25,561	26,406	103	31,636	30,683	97
Mar. 26	24,532	24,483	100	25,833	26,218	101	31,331	30,196	96
Apr. 2	24,998	25,665	103	25,848	26,122	101	31,453	30,537	97
Apr. 9	25,450	24,245	95	26,033	25,690	99	31,533	31,153	99
Apr. 16	25,379	24,090	95	25,899	25,330	98	31,979	30,994	97

**CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2004-2005**



**EGGS SET, 2004 - 2005**



# **BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2005**

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	26-Mar	02-Apr	09-Apr	16-Apr		12-Mar	19-Mar	26-Mar	02-Apr	09-Apr	16-Apr	
Alabama	30,307 *	30,740	30,445	29,672	96	21,525	21,507	21,502	21,408	21,769 *	21,842	104
ARKANSAS	30,196 *	30,537	31,153	30,994	97	24,126	26,004	24,483	25,665	24,245 *	24,090	95
Delaware	3,809	3,943	4,031	3,902	107	6,085	5,964	5,408	4,962	6,033 *	5,788	117
Florida	1,359	1,356	1,353	1,344	100	1,305	1,483	1,545	1,560	1,699	1,488	97
Georgia	32,855	31,702	33,221 *	33,573	101	27,155	27,484	27,635	27,362	27,006 *	26,939	103
Kentucky	6,751 *	7,183	7,338 *	7,263	99	6,485	5,824	6,064	6,051	5,517 *	6,138	107
Louisiana	4,133	4,165	4,165	4,165	105	4,101	3,514	4,227	3,834	3,871	3,653	107
Maryland	8,858	8,566	9,010 *	8,884	100	4,921	4,785	5,529	5,763	5,207 *	4,988	85
Mississippi	19,665	19,539	18,866	18,524	95	17,544	17,492	17,543	17,641	17,940	17,960	106
N. Carolina	18,763 *	18,628	18,888	18,702	98	14,881	15,097	15,337	15,148	15,361	15,174	101
Oklahoma	6,810	6,289 *	6,465 *	6,507	96	5,452	5,214	5,127	5,164 *	5,362	5,075	96
Pennsylvania	3,886	4,048	4,209	4,164	106	3,078	2,858	3,115	3,106	2,956	2,887	113
S. Carolina	5,275	5,196	5,106	5,205	138	4,633	4,277	3,753	4,232	4,512	4,156	100
Texas	15,108	15,403	15,480	15,470	101	12,906	12,957	12,891	12,885	12,910	12,897	102
Virginia	6,749	6,678	6,601	6,515	100	4,997	5,523	5,442	5,320	5,364 *	5,676	108
CA,MO,TN,WV	18,295	18,228	18,735 *	18,872	105	17,578	16,252	17,239	16,543	16,909 *	17,867	100
Total 2005	212,819 *	212,201 *	215,066 *	213,756		176,772	176,235	176,840	176,644 *	176,661 *	176,618	
Total 2004	211,237	211,680	212,808	214,388		171,494	172,291	172,510	172,652	172,145	173,941	
%Prev. Year	101	100	101	100		103	102	103	102	103	102	
Approximate Marketing Date 2005.....						30-Apr	07-May	14-May	21-May	28-May	04-Jun	

\* Revised .      1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

## **EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN SLIGHTLY**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 214 million eggs during the week ending April 16, 2005. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## **BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT**

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 16, 2005. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through April 16, 2005 were 2.63 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.